

SENATE BILL 812

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,  
relative to bicycle and pedestrian paths along state  
highways.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 2, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new part 3:

§ 54-2-301.

It is the intent of the general assembly to supplement this title by authorizing the  
department of transportation to administer an additional and alternative method for  
funding new and existing bicycle and pedestrian pathways along state highways.

§ 54-2-302.

The department of transportation is authorized to administer a grant program for  
the construction and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along state  
highways to qualified entities and groups.

§ 54-2-303.

(a) There is established a state bicycle and pedestrian pathway account as a  
separate account within the state highway fund. The state bicycle and pedestrian  
pathway account shall consist of the following:

(1) Any funds the department may receive from the federal government  
or any other government agency or person or private entity that by grant,  
donation, loan, or otherwise is dedicated to the state bicycle and pedestrian  
pathway account; and

(2) Any interest earnings on deposits of or investments made from any  
funds held in the state bicycle and pedestrian account.

(b) The state bicycle and pedestrian account may be used for the following purposes:

(1) To defray costs associated with the development and operation of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along state highways authorized under this chapter; and

(2) As grants to local governments, citizen groups, neighborhood associations, or other qualified groups of citizens who contract with the department to use such funds only for costs associated with the construction or maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along state highways.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of transportation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.